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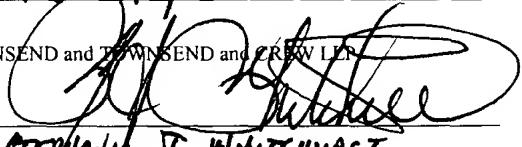
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**PATENT**

Attorney Docket No.: 019916-003810US

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Stephen A. Empedocles, et al.

Application No.: 09/882,193

Filed: June 13, 2001

For: SINGLE TARGET COUNTING  
ASSAYS USING SEMICONDUCTOR  
NANOCRYSTALS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 9111

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Technology Center/Art Unit: 1634

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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